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**BOYD: HOUSE BILL INCLUDES THE LARGEST EXPANSION OF DOMESTIC DRILLING**

*Comprehensive energy bill protects the military training area in the Gulf, invests in renewable energy*

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Congressman Allen Boyd (D-North Florida) tonight voted for a comprehensive energy bill.

HR 6899 would permit oil and gas leasing between 50 and 100 miles along the entire Outer Continental Shelf.

“I worked hard to make sure that the House Leadership drafting this bill understood the importance of the bill,” Boyd said.

“At the same time, we are prohibiting drilling from at least 50 miles off Florida’s coastline, keeping our to the west.”

The offshore drilling provisions in the bill would open up 63 to 80 percent, or 319 to 404 million acres, of the Outer Continental Shelf.

The comprehensive energy bill also would:

- Extend and expand tax incentives for renewable energy.
- Temporarily release nearly 10 percent of oil from the government’s stockpile, known as the Strategic Petroleum Reserve.
- Increase domestic oil production in the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska.
- Require oil companies to drill on the 68 million acres of federal lands they already control.
- Advance the development and deployment of carbon capture and storage technologies to come up with a way to deal with greenhouse gases.
- Strengthen energy efficiency in buildings to bring down costs and provide incentives for energy efficiency.

“No bill is perfect, and there are things in this bill that I would like to remedy in the future, such as the renewable energy tax credit,” Boyd said.

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